

**TOWN OF ALGOMA**  
**WINNEBAGO COUNTY, WISCONSIN**  
**MINUTES FOR**  
**PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:30 PM  
Algoma Town Hall  
15 N. Oakwood Road, Oshkosh, WI 54904

**1. Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Timm at 6:30 PM.

**2. Roll Call.**

Kristine Timm  
Mark Kainz  
Joel Rasmussen  
Peter Cernohous

Sue Rehder  
Henry Sampson  
Dewey Nelson

**3. Public Forum.**

None

**4. Discuss and form a recommendation to the Town Board on Safe Routes to School  
Program recommendations.**

Timm explained the reason this item was on the agenda was because the Town Board is currently discussing the recommendations of the Safe Routes To School Program (SRTS). The last two recommendations could have an impact on the Parks Committee because they talk about widening Omro Road and Oakwood Road and possibly adding a walking/biking trail. The Town Board has already approved the painting the road to indicate a school zone, the purchase of slow school zone signs, and two additional flashing lights and updating the two existing flashing lights.

Kainz explained a little bit more about the SRTS program. The recommendations are the result of the Bike/Walk Audit done this past October at the Oakwood Road Elementary School. Participating in this audit was Oakwood School Parents, East Central Wisconsin Planning Commission, and members of the Town Board and Planning Commission. Some of the recommendations provide a general safety improvement and are fast and inexpensive to do. At some point, Omro Road and Oakwood Road will have to be widened. The two topics

currently being discussed are: reduce the speed limit on Omro Road and the installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of Oakwood Road/Omro Road. Thus far, the Town Board has rejected the idea of a four-way stop.

Some members think a four-way stop is necessary, some don't. The average speed is 37 mph on Omro Road and the four-way stop will slow the traffic down. It's a tough situation all the way around because Oakwood School does offer bussing to every student and yet there are students who walk every day. Those student who walk, really should be walking against traffic, not with the traffic. There was talk about painting Omro Road to indicate a walk lane, however, it was determined that Omro Road isn't wide enough to support that. Again, Kainz reiterated that a four-way stop would slow traffic on Omro Road down and would also help elevate traffic congestion for those vehicles dropping off and picking up students. This is a tough decision.

**5. Volunteering for the Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Picnic & Parade, Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.**

Timm wanted to make the committee aware that that the Fire Department is looking for volunteers from the various town committees to help with traffic control during the Annual Picnic & Parade, Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. It takes about two hours of time Saturday morning and helps kick off the picnic. Anyone interested in volunteering can let Clerk Nelson know and she will get a list of names together for the Fire Department.

**6. Update on the status of Jones Park Development Plans.**

The meeting to gather volunteers to help with fundraising is scheduled for Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:30 PM. Everyone is hoping for a good turnout.

Cathy Chapman, 2848 Sheldon Drive, is a member of the Wild Ones, a planting group. Ms. Chapman explained that the Wild Ones are devoted to the restoration of prairies. There was discussion about the possibility of having at least part of the park a prairie. Ms. Chapman

will look into the possibility of sponsorship with the Wild Ones. Current information from the Wild Ones is on-line.

There was discussion of the possibility of setting up a 501C3. The committee isn't familiar with a 501C3, Due to this, Clerk Nelson will arrange for Atty. Marone to attend the next Parks Committee meeting to explain what a 501C3 is, how it comes to be an organization, and what the town has to do in order to form one.

There was also discussion on the preparation for the meeting with the volunteers. Since Ken Jaworski from Martenson & Eisele has done such a great job with the project so far, it was decided to have Clerk Nelson contact Mr. Jaworski to see if he would be available to attend the meeting with the volunteers and give a presentation. The committee would also like to have posters made up to be posted at the three town posting areas, on the website, and on Channel 97. There is also a full page spread in the newsletter which should come out in the beginning of March. Kainz will also put together a facebook page for the park.

**7. Approve the minutes of the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

Motion to approve by Rasmussen/Nelson. No further discussion. Motion carried in a voice vote, 7-0.

**8. Adjourn.**

Motion to adjourn by Rasmussen/Cernohous. No further discussion. Motion carried in a voice vote, 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte K. Nelson, WCMC  
Town Clerk  
Town of Algoma, Winnebago County, WI